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Title: Regarding Uniform Civil Code.

SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS (WAYANAD): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of this august House to a very important matter that is being discussed everywhere in India.

Sir, about a month back, the NDA Cabinet met and they decided to refer the Uniform Civil Code issue to the Law Commission. Now, today morning, many organizations have come here from Kerala and we met the hon. Prime Minister. We had a discussion with the hon. Prime Minister and some of my colleague MPs were also there. We had a long discussion and the Prime Minister has promised that he will look into the matter.

Now, Sir, this Uniform Civil Code is a faith of a community. The Muslim Community in India believes that the Sharia law is the law of God. The criminal laws have been accepted by the Muslim community. The personal laws apply only to marriage, inheritance, etc. But that is also being intruded upon. This cry for Uniform Civil Code is there intermittently. In India we have got so many matters to deal with. Then, why prickle the conscience of the Muslim minority?

So, this Government should come forward and drop the idea of changing the present civil law. Thank you very much.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER:

Shri Mullapally Ramachandran,

Shri Anto Antony, and

Shri K.C. Venugopal are allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri M.I. Shanavas.